President and have also held a demonstration with bare clothing on their bodies. The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Jena, expessed to me his surprise at this state of affairs in Bihar and told me that the Prime Minister was also surprised as to what was happening. Sir, such is the situation there. The Prime Minister has visited Bihar. What is happening there is not hidden from anybody and it is beyond the capacity of the Government of Bihar to pay them salaries. The Minimum Wages Act operates in this country, but the teachers and the non-teaching staff of colleges are give one hundred to two hundred rupees a month out of the collection of tuition fees from the students. In some places, even that is not given to them. There are in all about two lakh such people. I urge the Government to pay immediate attention to their problem. If the Government ignores it on the ground of its being a State subject, they will go on starving. In fact, several persons have died of starvation. While this is the situation in the colleges, even in the universities and their affiliated colleges where education with remuneration is prevalent, they have not got their salaries for the last four or five months. Only the day before yesterday, I had to go to a college in my constituency of Barh where I found that salaries have not been paid for five months. This is the state of many universities and the Government does not know where all the money goes. The Centre must take some initiative and save these educated people who are M.As and Ph.Ds from starvation. Sir, I also request you to give some direction to the Government in this matter in view of the human problem involved.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: You have brought it to the notice of the Central Government. It is enough.

[Translation]

SHRI TARIQ ANWAR (Katihar): Sir, the point raised by the hon. Member Nitishji is of a very serious nature and the Central Government should direct the Government of Bihar to do something for the unpaid teachers. They are spending their lives in frustration. I would also like to draw your attention to the minority institutions running in Bihar which are recognised and where salaries were being paid, but for the last one year salaries have not been paid there also. In the *Madarsas* and *Sanskrit Vidyalayas*, they have not been paid for the last six or eight months. I would like the Government to pay attention to this also.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Should we keep on discussing the same subject?

[Translation]

SHRI LALMUNI CHAUBEY (Buxar): The problems of Bihar should be properly discussed. There are not one or two problems only; Bihar has become a jungle of problems. The Government must look into the condition of people there ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEARKER : Will the House go on discussing Bihar only?

SHRI LALMUNI CHAUBEY: Please give some directive to the Government to take steps for ameliorating the lot of the unpaid teachers there.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Please, I want to say something

...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: It is all right. Though it is purely a State subject, I share the sentiments of the hon. Members. After all, teachers must receive some special attention as they are the people who are sacrificing and building up the next generation. I have also been receiving representations from the teachers of Bihar. A delegation of teachers from Bihar has also met me. I request the Central Government to convey these sentiments and whatever is possible, should be done. This may kindly be conveyed to the Bihar Government.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Yes Sir.

[Translation]

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT (Nagpur): Sir, I had given a notice of breach of privilege.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: I am looking into it. Tomorrow or day after tomorrow all these notices will be disposed of. I have promised it in the House.

[Translation]

SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH (Aurangabad): Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have been informed that hefty commissions are taken for additional allotments of Sugar, Wheat and rice in the public distribution system and these commodities are sold in the open market. I am told that additional allotments are made by charging Rs. 40 extra per quintal on wheat, Rs. 38 on rice and Rs. 118 on sugar. Thus a big racket is going on in the name of additional allotments. What happens is that under the plea of floods, drought and other problems, a demand is made for additional allotments. This comes from the State Government, but behind this cover is some person who gives a commission and gets additional allotment done which are then sold in the open market.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Please conclude

...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: You have exceeded your time

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH: This should be enquired into.

MR. SPEAKER: you have taken more time. Your time is over.

SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH: Sir, I am concluding. But I want that it should be got investigated by C.B.I. and the deserving people should get the benefit of additional allotments. That is my submission.

SHRI S. BANGARAPPA (Shimoga): Mr. Speaker, Sir, in Karnataka, in my constituency, there is one big steel plant called Vishveswarayya Iron and Steel Limited (VISL). This has been established long back, about one hundred years back, by the ex-Diwan of ex-State of Mysore, Vishveswarayya, famous engineer and statesman. The present position of shareholding of the VISL is about 34 per cent of the total shares are held by the State Government. Sixty-six per cent of the shares are held by the Steel Authority of India (SAIL). Now the State Government is prepared to transfer 34 per cent of the shares to SAIL. SAIL, in principle, have also agreed to take the shares of 34 per cent because the production of steel has gone down considerably. As has been done to upgrade the Steel Plants in Durgapur and Salem, upgrading of the VISL is also required. Therefore, what I am bringing to the notice of the Government is that for revamping of VISL, an estimated amount of Rs. 700 crore is required. SAIL is ready to invest and take over the 34 per cent of the shares held by the State Government. They have got money at their disposal. The State Government is also ready to transfer the shares to SAIL. The Chief Minister has made a categorical statement to this effect.

Therefore, through you, I am urging the Government to consider this and give a direction to SAIL to take over, not as a subsidiary, as has been done now, but to take over the entire company. Let the SAIL run the whole show and then bring up a factory called VISL on par with the Steel Plants in Salem, Durgapur, etc. Thank you. *...(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: I am coming to one by one. Do not waste time

...(Interruptions)

SHRI NITISH BHARADWAJ (Jamshedpur): I would like to draw your attention to a serious matter which concerns the security of this country.

We all know that America is propagating CTBT by taking initiative in the nuclear non-proliferation of arms and trying to stop the spread of arms in this world. But at the same time, there are also reports that China is supplying missiles to Pakistan and America is also supplying arms, ammunition and weapons to Pakistan.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is a report in the newspaper with the picture where we can see the Pakistan Prime Minister receiving the arms shipment. This is the second consignment The first consignment has already come. The third one comes in November and the fourth one by the year end. On the one hand, America is talking like Mother Teresa and on the other hand, their behaviour is like Adnan Kashoggi. What are they trying to prove? If they want to be very idealistic, they have to lose their billions of dollars worth of business in arms deals.

[Translation]

India should lodge a protest in the United Nations, in the Security Council, about U.S. behaviour.

Secondly, India should also ask Washington:

[English]

How should we take these supplies? Should we take this as a support to military activities of Pakistan?

[Translation]

Last year, Doordarshan entered into a contract with CNN. It has been stipulated in that contract that CNN would project India's point of view to world media. Sir, this is very important. Once in the past, when the western media did not carry the speech of late Shri Krishna Menon, Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru had expressed regret over it. All I want to say is that Doordarshan should project India's point of view to the world media through the channel of CNN.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Sat Mahajan.

SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS (Kalahandi): Sir, I have given a notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Das, I have not called you. Please sit down

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Some hon. Members will get chance in Zero Hour, some hon. Members, will get chance under Rule 377 and some others will get an opportunity to put supplementary questions. If you do like that, some hon. Members will not get any chance anywhere. I have to see all this in a balanced way.

[Translation]

SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS: Sir I have given a notice. In my constituency, 300 people have died of diarrhoea. Besides my notice, it has also been telecast on TV.